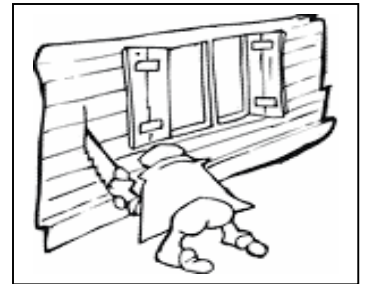


# MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## CRIME TREND BULLETIN



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The purpose of this bulletin is to make our citizens aware of a crime problem that has developed in this area. **Please read this bulletin.** It is designed to help inform and protect you.

**DATE OF BULLETIN:** Monday, November 17, 2008

**THE CRIME TREND IS: BURGLARY/RESIDENTIAL (doors and windows) and GARAGES**

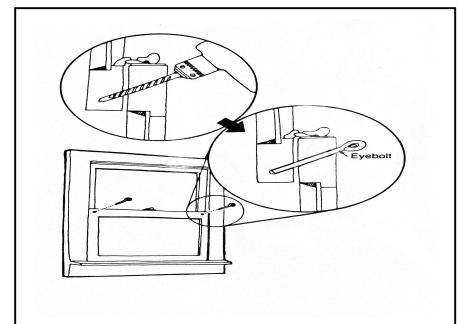
**IN THE AREA OF: CITYWIDE**

**WHAT YOU CAN DO: GARAGES.** Make it more difficult to remove expensive items if they get in. Thieves often window shop by driving down streets and alleys looking at the contents of garages when owners leave doors open. Overhead doors should never, unnecessarily, be left open. The service door should be solid core construction and equipped with a good deadbolt lock with a reinforcement plate. The strike plate for the lock should be mounted with screws at least 3 inches in length.



Burglars don't want to be seen. Mount a light near your service door. Lighting is the least expensive security and it is very effective. Valuable items such as snow blowers, lawnmowers and mountain bicycles should be secured in the garage by chaining them to the garage wall or floor. The chain should be heavy duty with a padlock of equal strength. Smaller motorized garden tools can be secured in a lockbox.

**WINDOWS AND DOORS.** Install, maintain and use proper locks on your exterior doors. Deadbolt locks are most effective. Close and lock your doors and windows when you leave home. Secure a partially opened window by means of a pin that prevents it from being raised beyond a few inches. Do not leave valuables such as purses, televisions, and money in front of an open window.



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Holiday Season is a time to be prepared



*The holiday season is a time when busy people become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. We can never be too careful, too prepared or too aware.*

***Please share this information with family, friends and neighbors.***

Do not leave valuables in plain view in your vehicle. When shopping do not overload yourself with packages that would make it difficult for you to enter your car. Lock your packages in the trunk of the car. If you do not have a trunk, make sure you cover your packages in the storage area of the vehicle. Plan your holiday shopping to take several days and shop for one or two people at a time. Avoid last minute shopping and be aware and alert to your surroundings.

**Watch your neighbors property as well as your own.** Engrave your interior home property as well as your outside property, including lawn and garden tools, with your Wisconsin Driver's License or Wisconsin State I.D. number to aid in the return of your property, if it is ever stolen. Make sure you record the serial number(s) and a description of the item(s). An electric engraver is available for use at any District Police Station. Milwaukee Police Department does register bicycles for free. **Please share this information with your neighbors. Help us help you!**



**Consider forming or joining a Neighborhood Watch Program.** These programs are a great asset to your neighborhood, providing many "extra eyes" to assist the police in catching criminals. No one knows your neighborhood better than the residents who live there.

For more information regarding forming or joining a Neighborhood Watch Program, Crime Prevention or a Residential Security Survey contact your District Community Liaison Officer or contact the Community Services Division at **935-7905**.

***Together we can reduce crime, fear and disorder in our community.***

**EDWARD A. FLYNN**  
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